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SUBJ: VISIT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

WEBSTER B. TODD, JR. CONVERSATION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL.

REF: STATE 60820

PASS IGA FOR MR. TODD.

1. MR. TODD AND AMBASSADOR JOVA SAW ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAUALLADA ON MARCH 19. NATCOTICS COORDINATOR ALSO ACCOMPANIED. MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND MARKED BY FRANK EXCHANGE. OJEDA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE EXTENDED THUS FAR BY USG, WHILE NOT UNAPPRECIATED FOR ITS INTRINSIC VALUE, WAS VIEWED BY GOM AS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SYMBOLIZED SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND THE COMMON DESIRE TO WIPE OUT THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

B. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S TERM ENDS NOVEMBER 30, 1976. HE WANTS TO LEAVE KNOWING THAT NARCOTICS PROGRAM HAS MADE REAL HEADWAY AND THAT PROBLEM IS WELL ON WAY TO RESOLUTION.

C. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CONVERSATION OJEDA RETURNED TO A MATTER THAT OBVIOUSLY WAS MUCH ON HIS MIND, INSPIRED NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOUBT BY HIS VISIT FROM THE IGA. HE SAID HE REALIZED U.S.

TAXPAYERS HAD A RIGHT TO ASK HOW THEIR TAX DOLLARS WERE BEING SPENT IN MEXICO, BUT THAT NONETHELESS WE MUST ALSO KEEP GOM SENSITIVITIES IN MIND. HE REPEATED THAT RESULTS SOUGHT MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN GOM ACCPETANCE OF USG ASSISTANCE, AND THAT WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND GOM POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

D. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE DISAGREED WITH PERCENTAGE FIGURES GIVEN BY DEA RELATIVE TO MEXICAN HEROIN ENTERING U.S., HE HAD TO FACE FACTS AND ADMIT THAT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MEXICAN HEROIN WAS GETTING THROUGH. HE CONCERNED WITH GETTING GOOD RESULTS FROM THIS CAMPAIGN, AND HOPED THAT HIGH PERCENTAGE OF POPPY PLANTINGS WOULD BE DESTROYED, AND THAT AT MINIMUM THIS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE.

E. ATTORNEY GENERAL EXPRESSED ENTHUSAISM CONCERNING "COMPASS TRIP", STRESSING ITS USE NOT ONLY IN LOCATING POPPY FIELDS BUT AS A TOOL IN VERIFYING ACTUAL DESTRUCTION. HE SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW THE TRUTH, WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS PALATABLE.

F. HE EXPRESSED APPROVAL WHEN TOLD THAT ACCEPTANCE OF ONE USED (1973., BUT RECONDITIONED, HELICOPTER PLUS NEW ONE WOULD ENABLE USG TO MAKE EARLIER DELIVERY OF THE TWO HELICOPTERS FOR USE IN PRESENT CAMPAIGN. EMBOFF LEFT DRAFT AGREEMENT TEXT (STATE 60820) WITH HIM.

G. ATTORNEY GENERAL AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR AND MR. TODD THAT PROBLEMS WERE NOT SOLVED BY IGNORING THEM, BUT THROUGH A FRANK EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. HE ENDED BY REITERATING THAT MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM WAS NOT MATERIAL ASSISTANCE BUT SPIRIT OF WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. DURING MR. TODD'S EARLIER CALL ON DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH, DR. GUID BELASSO, LATTER MADE TWO REQUESTS:

A. THAT TOM HAYDEN AND DR. PETER BOURNE BE SENT BY THE COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTATIONS WITH CEMEF.

B. THAT A WAY BE FOUND FOR THE USG TO SEND U.S. PARTICIPANTS TO INHALANT CONFERENCE WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HELD IN MEXICO CITY. HE SAID THAT OTHERWISE (IF CONFERENCE HELD IN BORDER AREA) THE GOM WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND SENDING ONLY THREE OR FOUR MEXICAN

RESEARCHERS.

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